Urdu Language as the Second Official Language in the State.

365 SRI QUAMARUL ISLAM (Gulbarga).—Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state

(a) whether Government intends to give 'Urdu' Language the Status of Second official language in the State in accordance with the recommendations of Sri I. K. Gujral, Committee Report;

(b) If so, when ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM —Sir, the Congress-I party in its election manifesto, very clearly promised that wherever Urdu language is prevalent, it will be given second official language status, In this connection, I want to know whether your Government will keep up this promise?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—It is not the question of keeping of promise. There are so many languages in the State like Tamil Telugu, Marathi *etc.*, and if once we start to give official status, naturally everybody will claim the samething. The Government is examining how best we can give priority to the Urdu language.

SRI QAMARUL ISLAM—For this purpose, a Committee was formed in 1974 under the Chairmanship of Sri I. K. Gujral and that Committee has given a report. In that report it is very clearly mentioned that Urdu could be given second official language status in the states where considerable number of people know Urdu. I want to know, under the light of that report, whether the Government is thinking of giving second official language status to the Urdu language ?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO.—The Government is also examining that Report.

MR. SPEAKER.—Questions are over

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY
(but not taken up)

Cutting trees from Malki areas

80 SRI D. V. WAINGANKAR (Karwar). --Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state:—

(a) the total number of applications from all the talukes of Uttar Kannada District and the Khanapur taluk of the Belgaum District requesting for permission to cut the trees from their Malki areas.

(b) the number of applications pending for one year ; and two years; more than two years:

(c) whether it is a fact that the present procedure has been the cause for delay in finalisation of the cases and it has worked very hard on the ryots;

(d) whether it is a fact that representations have been received by Government to simplify the procedure and expedite the granting of permission;

(e) If so, the action taken by Government in this behalf?

SRI R. GUNDU RAO (Chief Minister).—

(a) 2,224 applications from Uttar Kannada District.
920 applications from Khanapur Taluk of Belgaum District.

(b)—

		One year	*Two years*	*More than Two years*
1	Uttar Kannada Dist.	255	177	423
2	Khanapur Taluk of Belgaum Dist.	235	5	3

(c) The present procedure will not be a cause for delay, if all the records about the ownership, location of the Trees etc., of the Malki area is furnished with the Surveyed sketch as prescribed in Rule 119 of Karnataka Forest Manual within a period of about one month by the concerned Assistant Director of Land Records and the opinion by the Revenue authorities by another 15 days or a month regarding ownership of Tree Growth. Then the Forest Department can process and issue the required felling permit within sixty days provided the records received are in complete form.

(d) Yes

(e) The Malki Contractors of Haliyal Taluk have represented to simplify the procedure and to expedite the granting of permission. As per directions of Subordinate Legislation Committee, the old Form No. I has been substituted by a New Form simplifying the procedure by an Amendment to the Karnataka Preservation of Trees (Amendment Rules, 1979).